

Route 50 Corridor Task Force September 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled Route 50 Task Force meeting was held in the Middleburg Town hall on September 23, 2008.

Attendees

Those in attendance were:

- Jim Rich – Co-Chair
- Peter Schwartz – Co-Chair
- Susan Van Wagoner – Route 50 Coalition
- Betsy Davis – Mayor of Middleburg
- Jim Burton – Member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

VDOT attendees:

- Jim Zeller, PE – Preliminary Engineering/Leesburg
- Ken Connors, PE – Construction/Manassas
- Billy Green – Construction Manager/Rte 50
- Kenny Robinson – Project Manager/Rte 50
- John Lynch – Acting District Construction Engineer

Other Attendees:

- Mike Carter – Loudoun County Fire and Rescue
- Cindy Pearson – Middleburg Economic Development
- John Stuart – H W Lochner Engineering
- Two Route 50 residents (did not get names)

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Jim Rich at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Moved and seconded they be accepted. They minutes were accepted by unanimous voice vote with a couple of typos noted.

Financial Report

Mr. Robinson provided attendees the Route 50 September Financial Report. Mr. Rich requested Mr. Robinson review the Financial Report with the Task Force. Mr. Robinson explained all the costs associated with Upperville, Aldie and Gilberts Corners projects. Mr. Robinson explained the potential for Gilberts Corner to be over budget based on higher than estimated Right of Way and Utility Re-Location costs coupled with the anticipated Fuel Adjustment and Asphalt Price Adjustments. The Task Force asked at the next meeting for Mr. Robinson to develop a more detailed report regarding the anticipated over-expenditures.

Upperville

Mr. Green gave the Upperville Report noting that the project was complete. Discussion about the splitter islands and landscaping, Greenbrier Landscaping Company will be in Upperville during October to weed and perform routine maintenance on the landscaping features. Anne Coyner and Mr. Robinson will meet to review the landscaping on the project. Several people noted that the crosswalk signs have been a great addition to the project and are very effective in getting traffic to slow down.

Aldie

The plans are developed so that VDOT utility staff can begin meeting with utility companies about relocations.

Dialogue continues between VDOT environmental staff and the Northern Virginia Park Authority to gain approval prior to receiving the “de minis” ruling. Mr. Robinson will be meeting with NVRPA to try to demonstrate VDOT’s efforts to address all the NVRPA concerns.

Mr. Robinson discussed the attendees the Lessons Learned from the Upperville project regarding landscaping and sight distance issues. The Task Force agreed with the recommendations but recommended that the 25 MPH sight distance design speed remain the same in Aldie as in Upperville.

Gilberts Corner

Gilberts Corner is moving forward but progress has been slowed due to Verizon not meeting timelines for utility relocations. Paving is near complete on the connector road and drainage is being installed at Roundabout #2.

It was recommended by the Task Force and Mike Carter (Loudoun County 911) that names be considered for Roundabouts #2 and #4. Roundabout #1 will be called Gilberts Corner Roundabout and Roundabout #3 will be called Watson Road Roundabout. The connector road has been named Howsers Branch Road. One suggestion was to name the other Roundabouts after Congressman Wolf and Senator Warner. Mr. Robinson will solicit names from the community and bring those to the Task Force for a recommendation to submit to Loudoun County.

Middleburg

No new developments at this time on Middleburg and the Four Lane Section to the west of town. VDOT has installed a new set of handrails on the sidewalk steps near the Red Fox Inn.

Route 50 Corridor - Roadway Maintenance

Mr. Robinson provided the attendees with a draft copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between VDOT and the Task Force regarding shoulder

maintenance and paving to be performed later this fall. Mr. Rich and Mr. Schwartz requested a few changes to the MOU before the Task Force would be willing to sign the MOU. Mr. Robinson will make the changes and prepare for signatures by the VDOT NOVA District Administrator and the Task Force co-chairs.

Future meeting

The next meeting date is set for November 12, 2008, at the Middleburg Town Hall, 4:30 PM.

Retirement of William Green

In recognition of the pending retirement of Billy Green October 1, 2008, the Task Force members each thanked Mr. Green for his many contributions to the Route 50 Traffic Calming projects and wished him well in his new endeavor working for Volkert and Associates Engineering. He was presented with a card and a gift.

The meeting was adjourned with the attendees treated to cake and lemonade in honor of Mr. Green.